## **BONOVAN DRAWS**WIDE ATTENTION

His Cuban Role Lands Aura to Upstate Campaigning

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—James B. Donovan, the Democratic-Liberal candidate for the United States Senate, is stumping in northern New York, and drawing wide attention despite the late start of his campaign.

Mr. Donovan, who has been negotiating with Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba for the release of prisoners, is front-page newsin every town he visits or even comes near, because of the deep interest in Cuba as a result of the critical situation there.

Local Democratic leaders are delighted by the attention municipal and county candidates receive from the press and public when Mr. Donovan is in the vicinity. This despite the fact that Mr. Donovan says very; little new about Cuba or the Soviet Union, He has commended the President for statesmanlike restraint and has asked for time to await developments on the prisoners.

Mr. Donovan tells audiences that his purpose in going to Havana without diplomatic immunity was to do what the Government had determined "was in the national interest."

In his current political swing, he spoke today to gatherings of party workers in St. Lawrence County, assuring them that their efforts were going to be "tremendously successful." Mr. Donovan says that upstate he has been received warmly by people "of all parties."

The candidate says he is heartened by reports of rising strength for the Conservative party, which he considers will draw votes from Senator Jacob K. Javits, his Republican opponent.

In a tour here of the Acco Products plant, a division of the Naiser Corporation, he was asked by a number of comployes for his autograph. Mr. Donovan seemed pleased by the attention. FOIAb3b

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